

REMARKS

In the Final Rejection, pending Claims 2-7, 9-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Keller US 5,129,824 ('824) in view of Hill US 5,993,784 ('784) and Kim et al US, 6,045,800 ('800) further in view of Petrus US 5,875,798 ('798). These claims have been cancelled in this Request for Continued Examination and replaced by new claims 15-25.

New Independent claim 15, upon which all other claims depend, is directed to a self-treatment process for periodontal patients with gingival detachment of about 3 mm and greater comprising the step of physically removing biofilms on a daily basis from supragingival, interproximal and subgingival tooth surfaces, using three specific dental devices to deliver soft abrasives to the required tooth surfaces, combined with the working of the soft abrasives into the biofilms on these tooth surfaces to disrupt and remove the same.

Nothing in the cited prior art teaches this method, and allowance of the new claims is respectfully requested.

TIME EXTENSION REQUEST

Applicant respectfully requests a three month extension of time for the filing of this response. The original deadline was April 16, 2007. This response is being filed on or before July 16, 2007.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

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